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NATIONWIDE PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT FORMS APPROVED FOR USE BY THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

On October 5, 2004, the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") released a *Report and Order* revising its rules to implement the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Review of Effects on Historic Properties for Certain Undertakings Approved by the Federal Communications Commission ("Nationwide Agreement").¹ The Nationwide Agreement will tailor and streamline procedures for review of certain Commission undertakings for communications facilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.² In the *Report and Order*, the Commission adopted forms that applicants will be required to use for all undertakings subject to Section 106 review.

The *Report and Order*, which was published in the Federal Register on January 4, 2005,³ contained an information collection requiring the approval of the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.⁴ Furthermore, the Federal Register announcement notified the public that the rule changes will go into effect on March 7, 2005. On January 18, 2005, OMB approved FCC Form 620 and FCC Form 621 for use.⁵ As stated in the *Report and Order*,⁶ the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau today issues the approved versions of FCC Form 620 and FCC Form 621, which must be used on or after March 7, 2005, as required by the Nationwide Agreement.

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¹ Nationwide Programmatic Agreement Regarding the Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Review Process, WT Docket No. 03-128, *Report and Order*, FCC 04-222 (rel. Oct. 5, 2004).

² See 16 U.S.C. § 470f.

³ Final Rule, 70 Fed. Reg. 556 (Jan. 4, 2005).

⁴ 44 U.S.C. §§ 3501 et seq.

⁵ FCC OMB No. 3060-1039.

⁶ Report and Order, para. 179.